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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:33 AM
To: LMGtestimony
Cc: LaniBeloso [REDACTED]
Subject: Testimony for HB2751 on 2/15/2012 1:30:00 PM

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Conference room: 423
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Lani
Organization: Individual
E-mail: LaniBeloso [REDACTED]
Submitted on: 2/15/2012

Comments:

Citizens should have a voice esp. when the house is in direct violation of the constitution they have sworn to uphold. This is an attempt to silence the people that reps that are supposed to represent. If they are not respecting our rights they do not deserve respect and any citizen in attendance should have the right to speak up.

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Conference room: 423
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joan Crevier
Organization: Individual
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Submitted on: 2/15/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose praying in Hawaii State legislature hearings. Let's go back to the separation of church and state and stop these practices

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB2751 and PROPOSED HD1
Relating to Offenses Against Public Administration

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 TIME: 1:30 PM

Dear Committee:

I am opposed to the bill HB2751.

Bill HB2751 is vague and the language would allow a generalized interpretation that would restrict non-members of the legislature from halting illegal activities of our State government.

For example the use of prayer in assemblies is illegal according to the United States Constitution. Christian prayers and invocations have no place in our government.

I will hold the right to attend the State government sessions and disrupt this illegal behavior.

The First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

HB2751 would make it a crime for any citizen to "recklessly engage in contemptuous behavior" and "impair the respect due to such proceedings."

I fully support the religious rights of all citizens of the United States. But this is a secular government. Let's keep it that way so we may all remain free.

Sincerely,

Warren Daquin

[REDACTED]

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February 15, 2012

TO: House Speaker and House Representatives

RE: AGAINST HB 2751 OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Aloha Speaker and Representatives,

HB 2751 is a bill written under the theory of Rankism, the belief that those in power are above the law. To deny peaceful public speech is a violation of not only freedom of speech but the belief that the public has free access to those who have been elected to protect those who have voted.

Freedom to peacefully protest is a fundamental right of all American citizens. To deny this right is a direct hit on our US Constitution that is more devastating than any terrorist attack.

Because of this, I am asking you as law abiding US citizens to vote no on HB2751. Freedom to peacefully protest is a fundamental right of all American citizens. To deny this right is a direct hit on our US Constitution that is more devastating than any terrorist attack.

Because of this, I am asking you as law abiding US citizens to vote no on HB2751 detrimental bill.

Thank you for creating a safe place for all citizens when they visit the House Chambers for any session or hearing. When you vote against this detrimental bill, you are to be commended for honoring the US Constitution.

Sincerely,

Rev. Carolyn M. Golojuch, MSW
Native American Spiritualist

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Conference room: 423
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Craig Smith
Organization: Individual
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Submitted on: 2/14/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair Yamashita and fellow committee members,

My friends and I cannot believe this bill (HB 2751) even got a hearing let alone time was wasted to try and rewrite it make less offensive but that seems to be what is happening. You realize that you are giving the sergeant-at-arms police powers and they have even less training than the sheriffs, which according to Marian Higa, the State Auditor, are one of the biggest liabilities to the State because of their LACK of training! So why not make the sergeant-at-arms the biggest liability!

But if you are going to do this do it right! You need to go back tot the original bill since you are going to waste our time and tax-dollars and amend it to have the punishment be that the offender be placed in the stockades where the Fr. Damian Statue now stands so that passer-byes can throw rotten papayas at them. The louder the shouting the longer they have to stay in the stocks. If they threatened physical violence by standing up, have them taken out and beaten! Also you need to make this bill apply to all legislators as well!

Let's get serious though this bill is a travesty and deep down you all know it. From the sound of this bill it appears that you all are trying to get everyone to put you on pedestals and respect you. Adulation does not come by force and you cannot legislate respect. You get the respect that you deserve when you show respect to others and the constitution.

Admiration comes when you do a great job, not a mediocre one. Every year that you are in office; each and everyone one of you has a chance to change lives for the better. Make sure victims see justice, that there are less victims and that minorities of all types are protected. But instead almost all of you do what is politically expedient, instead of what is best for the rest and least of us. You bend to the slightest wind and unless you are guaranteed re-election you do not move. In the rare instance that is not the case we get bills like the horrible web-surfing storage bill from Rep Mizuno and Rep. Pine.

What I personally would like to see out of this legislative body is the progressive and cutting edge things you talk about on the campaign trail. (You know that place you all will be in a couple of months and some are already on.) Decriminalize marijuana and treat it like we do alcohol and tax it. Honor the separation of state and church and tax the churches because they are businesses. They are businesses that lobby you all and use their tax-free dollars to sway your votes and elections. Take care of the least of our society - ensure there is a safety net, that our water is safe, that our food supply is secure and the streets are safe.

But instead of that we get time wasting bills calling for a state mammal, state microbe or even worse this bill to stop people from speaking out when you have failed us all! Do not try to wrap it up as protecting legislators or the public because there are already laws on the book to cover those areas. You want us to respect you? Respect us by doing a better job.

Sincerely,

Craig Smith